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A Holiday Message

The Commander

This is the time of the year that we take the opportunity to reflect and give thanks for everything that we have. Looking at Thanksgiving through Operation Jump Start binoculars, I continue to see tremendous dedication and pride from Soldiers and Airmen as they perform this very important mission. We are so fortunate to have great Americans who are willing to step up and stand on the front lines to help secure our nation's borders. The President



asked the National Guard to assist Customs and Border Protection while they hire and train additional Border Patrol Agents. Today we have had National Guard Soldiers and Airmen from 40 states and territories in CBP (Customs and Border Patrol) stations performing dispatch, vehicle maintenance, and other administrative duties, building roads, fences and tactical infrastructure, flying missions along the border night and day, and standing watch on re-

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mote Entry Identification Sites in Douglas, Naco, Sonoita, Nogales, Sasabe, San Miguel, Ajo, Wellton and San Luis answering the call. These dedicated men and women don't complain about being in the Arizona desert, away from

their families, because they know how important this mission is. This is something to be truly thankful for!

We are thankful for Soldiers like Spc Kirstin Fike, a Pennsylvania National Guardsman who enlisted to serve her State and Nation and answered the call to duty. We are thankful for her parents Arden and Nina Chittick and her son Cody who supported her decision to continue her military service. Spc Fike's father Arden Chittick is a veteran and former naval aviator. We appreciate his service to the country as well as all of the veterans who have served.

Our thoughts turn to Master Sergeant De Ruiz, Spc Toruga and their families as they continue to recover from very serious injuries suffered in unfortunate motor vehicle accidents. We are thankful for our Chaplains who have been there for the families as well as providing support to our Soldiers and Airmen throughout the mission.

So as we take a few minutes to reflect, let's not forget those who are serving in harm's way around the world and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice so that we may enjoy the freedoms we have.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday. To all serving our country, I give my sincerest thanks.

Brigadier General Ulay Littleton
Arizona OJS Commander

[TASK FORCE YUMA]

THE MISSION, VOTING AND HOLIDAY GREETINGS

As the year comes to a close, I stop and think back over the National Guard's efforts since the beginning of Operation Jump Start in May of 2006. It does not take much reflection to see the great impact this mission has made. Our partners, United States Customs and Border Protection, appear to finally have a little bit of room to breathe. The reprieve from the constant apprehensions and returns to Mexico will allow them to better handle the incredible recruiting task ahead. The police department I work for struggles to find qualified applicants and I am sure USCBP will encounter the same challenge. It is an important and vital job to our Homeland Security. I hope they will attract enough motivated and qualified men and women to grow their force by the 6,000 new agents they need.

During the Holiday season I am also reminded of the wealth of privileges we enjoy as United States citizens. The November elections represent one of the greatest gifts of our founding fathers. As citizens we have a voice in the direction and priorities of our country. There are so many people around the world who are not allowed to have a voice in their government. Many of these same people are also not allowed to enjoy freedom of religion. As I enjoy the holidays with my family,



I will include a prayer that someday everyone on this earth will be free to pursue the rewards of life, liberty, and happiness.

My prayers and thoughts will also be with the fine soldiers and airmen assigned to Operation Jump Start. You are making a difference every time you come to work and every task you complete. The sacrifice you make being away from your family, friends, and the civilian careers is appreciated by people like me everyday. Take pride in knowing that you are truly on the front lines of Homeland Security!

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes!

Maj Christopher Emmons
Deputy Commander; Task Force Yuma



//POV Safety Awareness//

Don't Forget it with that Holiday Cheer//By Maj David Church

It is that time of year again. The holiday season offers us extra time off from work, the opportunity to savor in family ties, and the chance to indulge in extraordinary foods. With all this activity to partake in during the holiday

season, we can easily find ourselves preoccupied and consequently neglecting safety measures. Safety awareness is particularly important during the holidays because many of us will be traveling in our POVs. Whether durational Guardsmen intend on traveling to family members' houses or whether rotational Guardsmen plan on visiting neighboring tourist attractions by means of a POV, we must all be reminded of the hazards associated with POV driving.

The number one killer of military personnel is a result of POV accidents. POV accidents unequivocally take a toll on any unit. They result in time and resource depletion, but more importantly the possible loss of an integral team player. Furthermore, unit morale decreases as a result of a POV accident. These unfavorable repercussions should spur us to do everything in our power to maintain a cognizance of safety awareness while we are on the roads this holiday season. The most influential weapon that we can have as defensive drivers is a countenance of

safety vigilance, which will in turn help preclude an accident on the roadways this upcoming holiday.

On our road trips this holiday season, we can expect to be joined with millions of other drivers across the United States. In addition, the increase in vehicle traffic also suggests an increase in the probability of vehicle accidents. For the most part, there is a direct relationship between the two variables. As with anything else, situational awareness provides us with a foundation of direction.

The primary causes of POV accidents during the holiday season are drinking and driving, excessive speed, fatigue, and inexperience driving in winter weather conditions. Even though some accidents may be unavoidable due to being at the wrong place at the wrong time, we can practice safety measures to shun and mitigate the occurrence of an accident.

Guardsmen can be proud of their contributions that they have made thus far toward Operation Jump Start, and should come back looking forward to an exciting new year. Enjoy the holiday season with your family and friends because you deserve it, but do so with an attitude of safety awareness knowing that we need you back in action for an eventful new year. Wherever you plan on going this holiday season, don't forget to take along your safety toolbox of common sense, risk management, situational awareness, and alertness.

Safety Tips and Statistics

-Be prepared for traffic jams or give yourself extra time in your road trip.

-Make sure that your vehicle is well-equipped for travel and well-maintained for colder weather if you are traveling out of the region. In case of an emergency or breakdown, ensure you have the necessary gear such as parking flares, blankets, a first-aid kit, flashlight, and water. Also, perform a POV inspection to check such things as proper tire pressure and levels of all fluids.

-Adjust driving habits to the conditions of the weather and the road.

-Avoid complacency even during short and routine road trips.

-Keep an alert for other drivers especially those who appear to be drunk drivers.

-Have a sleep plan in effect to avoid driver's

fatigue. Do your best to evade boredom on the road.

-Despite less traffic in remote areas, stay alert in darkness.

-Slow down with reduced visibility.

-Refrain from alcohol and heavy medications (fatigue sensitive) prior to driving.

-In 2005, approximately 39,200 Americans died in automobile accidents.

-75% of all accidents occur within 25 miles from home.

-36% of fatal accidents are caused by drug impaired drivers.

-Every 16 seconds there is a reported injury caused by a motor vehicle accident.

-Every 13 minutes a death is reported due to a motor vehicle accident.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



OBSERVING THE HOLIDAYS

An elderly man in Phoenix calls his son in New York and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; 45 years of misery is enough."

"Pop, what are you talking about?" the son screams.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the old man says. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her." Then he hangs up.

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "Like heck they're getting divorced," she shouts, "I'll take care of this." She calls Phoenix immediately, and screams at the old man, "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?"

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "Okay," he says, "They're coming for Thanksgiving and paying their own fares."

At this time of year, family is important. There are many holidays in these two months that almost demand that family is involved in our lives, and ours in theirs. This is a special time to remember our roots and to make sure that those who love us best know how much we appreciate them.

It is also a time as a nation that we need to remember our roots. U.S. tradition associates the holiday with a meal held in 1621 by the Wampanoag and the Pilgrims who settled in Plymouth, Massachusetts. In October 1863, President Abraham Lincoln made this an official holiday of our country. The last paragraph of this proclamation states this:

I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.

Let us not forget the many blessings given to us by God. We of all nations should be grateful for the land in which we live, the freedoms we enjoy and the abundance given to us. Have a great Thanksgiving and Holidays to come.

Chaplain (Col) Daniel J. Butler



SERVICE SCHEDULES



TF Raven

Marana/Casa Grande/ Tucson

Sun.	0900	Hampton
Sun	1900	Hilton

Marana

CH Krogstad (602)489-6481

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BORDER PATROL NEWS—NOVEMBER

- OCT 31, 2006 — AGENTS FROM THE TUCSON SECTOR SEIZED 1,151 LBS OF MARIJUANA FROM A STOLEN VEHICLE ENCOUNTERED SOUTH OF ARIVACA, ARIZONA. THE VEHICLE WAS ATTEMPTING TO FLEE FROM THE BORDER PATROL AGENTS IN THE AREA WHEN IT WAS STOPPED BY A NEWLY INSTALLED VEHICLE BARRIER.
- NOV 3, 2006 — AGENTS FROM THE TUCSON SECTOR (AJO STATION) APPREHENDED THREE DRUG SMUGGLERS AND SEIZED 495 LBS OF MARIJUANA ALONG WITH AN AUTOMATIC RIFLE AND VARIOUS OTHER WEAPONS.
- NOV 5, 2006 — BORDER PROTECTION (CBP) OFFICERS WORKING IN THE YUMA SECTOR APPREHENDED EIGHT WANTED PEOPLE WITHIN ONE WEEK WHILE PERFORMING ANTI-TERROR INSPECTIONS. THE EIGHT FUGITIVES WERE WANTED ON LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL FELONY WARRANTS.
- NOV 5, 2006 — BORDER PATROL AGENTS FROM THE TUCSON SECTOR RESCUED A LOCAL RANCHER AND HIS SPOUSE ON THE EAST SIDE OF NOGALES, AFTER THEY HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN A ROLL OVER ACCIDENT IN THE WASHINGTON CAMP AREA.
- NOV 6, 2006 — YUMA, ARIZ. U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION BORDER PATROL AGENTS FROM THE YUMA BORDER PATROL STATION APPREHENDED 37 ILLEGAL ALIENS AFTER A FAILED BORDER DRIVE THROUGH ATTEMPT BY SIX VEHICLES.
- NOV 9, 2006 — AGENTS FROM THE TUCSON SECTOR (CASA GRANDE STATION) SEIZED 2,027 LBS OF MARIJUANA AND ARRESTED 15 ILLEGAL ALIENS WHO WERE BACKPACKING THE MARIJUANA INTO THE UNITED STATES.
- NOV 14, 2006 — BORDER PATROL AGENTS ASSIGNED TO THE YUMA SECTOR, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF AN ARIZONA NATIONAL GUARDSMAN MANNING THE REMOTE VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM (RVSS), SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 1,046 LBS. OF MARIJUANA VALUED AT \$836,800.
- NOV 17, 2006 — A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES APPROACHED NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS NEAR THE BORDER, REQUESTING TO TURN HIMSELF IN TO THE BORDER PATROL FOR CROSSING INTO THE UNITED STATES WITHOUT INSPECTION. THE SUBJECT ALSO CLAIMED THAT HE WAS WANTED FOR HOMICIDE. BORDER PATROL AGENTS RESPONDED TO THE AREA AND IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT AN ACTIVE WARRANT HAD BEEN ISSUED FOR THE SUBJECT IN PIMA COUNTY FOR FIRST-DEGREE HOMICIDE.
- NOV 17, 2006 — YUMA SECTOR BORDER PATROL AGENTS RESCUED TWO UNDOCUMENTED MALE SUBJECTS FROM THE SALINITY CANAL NEAR COUNTY 201/2 STREET NEAR SAN LUIS, AZ.

Since the inception of Operation Jump Start, the National Guard has assisted the Border Patrol with the arrest of 21,400 undocumented aliens, the seizure of 314 vehicles and the rescue of 71 persons.



U.S. Customs and
Border Protection

Border Patrol News

>Tucson Sector

Drugs Seized on Tohono O'odham Nation

Released November 16, 2006



*(Photos provided by Tucson Sector Border
Patrol Public Information Office)*

Casa Grande, AZ – CBP Border Patrol Agents assigned to the Casa Grande Station, stopped a van yesterday afternoon at about 4 p.m. The 2006 Ford Van was spotted near the village of Newfields, along FR19, after illegally crossing the border near the San Miguel Gate. When agents attempted to stop the vehicle, it turned around and attempted to flee back into Mexico. Agents were forced to use a controlled tire deflation device to get it to stop. After the driver and passenger fled the vehicle on foot, the van ran into a tree. After securing the scene, agents discovered 65 bundles of marijuana, weighing just over 13-hundred pounds. A check of the vehicle plates, indicated they were registered to the Tohono O'odham Nation in Sells and had not been reported stolen. The van was reported stolen out of Mesa, Arizona.

While the marijuana, with a reported street value of just over a million dollars, was turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration, TOPD took custody of the van. Since the beginning of the new fiscal year (October 1, 2006), agents in the Tucson Sector have seized more than 64,400 pounds of marijuana, which represents a 23% increase over last years record total of in excess of 617,000 lbs.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is the unified border agency within the Department of Homeland Security charged with the management, control and protection of our nation's borders at and between the official ports of entry. CBP is charged with keeping terrorists and terrorist weapons out of the country while enforcing hundreds of U.S. laws.



**U.S. Customs and
Border Protection**



Military Order of the Purple Heart

Honors Yuma Sector Border Patrol

(Story and Photo provided by CBP)

YUMA, Ariz. - Chief Patrol Agent Ron Colburn, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Chief of the Yuma Sector, received the Distinguished Service Award on behalf of the sector from the Military Order of the Purple Heart in a ceremony Nov. 14 at Yuma Sector headquarters.

Mike Jones, Senior Vice Commander of the organization, presented the award, the first ever given by the organization's Yuma Chapter. He added the award was presented to the Yuma Sector Border Patrol agents for their selfless acknowledgement of combat veterans contributions to the nation.



“It truly is an Honor, and I am proud”
Chief Ron Colburn

In a letter sent to Chief Colburn in July, Mr. Jones cited unusual activity by Border Patrol agents manning Interstate 8 and Highway 95 checkpoints, stopping vehicles with Purple Heart license plates and thanking the veterans for their service. Mr. Jones personally witnessed these actions when an agent stopped his vehicle and thanked him for his service.

“Outside of military and veterans groups no one has ever acknowledged my patriotism to this country. The [agent] had honored me, and in doing so also honored all of my patriot brothers,” Mr. Jones said in the letter.

“It truly is an honor, and I am proud to accept the award on behalf of the sector's men and women,” said Chief Colburn. This further illustrates the caliber of our men and women in our ranks who continually go above and beyond in everything they do.

THE PURPLE HEART

- The Purple Heart differs from all other decorations in that an individual is not "recommended" for the decoration; rather he or she is entitled upon being wounded or killed in a manner meeting the specific criteria of Army Regulation 600-8-22
- Participation in direct or indirect combat operations is a necessary prerequisite, but is not sole justification for award.
- Established - 7 August 1782 during the Revolutionary War, by General George Washington



Formed in 1932, The Military Order of the Purple Heart is an organization composed exclusively of combat veterans who have received the Purple Heart. Additional information about the organization is available at www.purpleheart.org.

Story and photos by Air Force Staff Sgt Dan Heaton

YUMA, Ariz. - Even though summer has come and gone, the Task Force Yuma medical team's message remains the same: Be aware of the environment you are working in!

That means dealing with the heat of the afternoon and the cooler conditions at night, said Air Force Staff Sgt. Patrick



Cunningham, a member of

the Wyoming Air National Guard.

"The heat is still an issue," he said, "People out working in the sun need to stay hydrated. If they wait until they are thirsty, that's too late."

Staff Sgt Cunningham said with the changing season, soldiers and airmen manning EIT sites are also dealing with the swings in temperatures from the heat of the afternoon to the relative cool of the early morning. People need to plan accordingly, such as bringing their field jackets if they are on a 24-hour rotation, he said.

The medics also advise personnel working out in the local environment to be aware of potentially venomous snakes or insects that might be in the area. All personnel should work in teams and to look out for their fellow soldiers and airmen.

"... PERSONNEL WORKING OUT IN THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT [SHOULD] BE AWARE OF POTENTIALLY VENOMOUS SNAKES OR INSECTS THAT MIGHT BE IN THE AREA."

The medical team in Yuma is currently comprised of both Army and Air medics and fire specialists, many of whom are bringing their civilians skills to bear while working with Operation Jump Start, said Chief Master Sgt. Craig Towns, a South Dakota Air National Guardsman and the chief of the medical task force.

Sgt. Debbie Davis (*pictured*), an Arizona Army National Guardsman, said the medical team is providing sick call ser-

vices for soldiers staying at Forward Operating Base Yuma and also have a medical team that rotates among the various EIT sites.

According to Chief Towns, in addition to the local medical team, several units who have spent time in Yuma brought in their own medics to support their personnel.

"Different states and different units may have different ways of accomplishing the same thing, but the goal is always the same. We are all trying to reach the same target," the chief said. "And that is to provide appropriate, quality medical care to the Task Force."



Stayin' Alive

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NEW YORK SOLDIERS RETURN TO HELP KEEP BORDER SECURE

by SGT Ed Balaban, NYARNG, Tucson Sector Public Affairs

“New York Soldiers liked Arizona so much the first time that they have come back for more,” according to 1LT Sean Gill, Executive Officer of Team NY.

After President Bush announced his intention last spring to secure the US-Mexico border with the National Guard, New York was one of the first states to provide support to Arizona. Many Soldiers from 2-108th IN had their Annual Training (AT) diverted from usually damp and dismal Fort Drum to the dry sunny desert of Arizona. New York Governor George Pataki agreed to send a durational force of up to 150 Soldiers. In late October 2006, 131 New York Soldiers arrived in Arizona. Gill states that “many are two time supporters of Operation Jump Start in the Grand Canyon State.” He also explained that “these Soldiers hail from every major region of the Empire State, from Long Island in the southeast to Buffalo in the northwest and almost all points in between.”

Housed at Fort Huachuca, Soldiers from Team NY are the extra eyes and ears on the border at EIT (Entry Identification Team) sites in the Nogales area. The US Border Patrol placed these sites at geographically key locations that allow unobstructed observation of the US-Mexico border. The Nogales area is one of the most heavily trafficked crossing areas along the more than 2000 miles of border shared with Mexico. By having Soldiers man these sites, it frees up otherwise assigned Border Patrol agents to return to the field.

“Within the first month of this mission, Border Patrol sources have informed us that seizures of narcotics and apprehensions of individuals illegally entering the US have increased,” Gill reported. “Clearly, our presence is making a difference,” he said.

The majority of this latest contingent will be stationed here until sometime in the spring of 2007.



Thanking the Troops

*Photos and story by Air Force Staff Sgt
Dan Heaton*

YUMA, Ariz -A donation from a local business helped Operation Jump Start soldiers and airmen celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Palm View Rehabilitation & Care Center in Yuma donated 10 turkeys to Task Force Yuma as a neighborly gesture the week before Thanksgiving. Some of the turkeys were prepared with assistance from the Yuma VFW chapter and delivered to soldiers and airmen who were working at EIT sites on Thanksgiving Day. Other turkeys were used by Guardsmen who hosted gatherings of off-duty soldiers and airmen in their homes on Thanksgiving.



“Even as we focus on the mission, we know that people think about home and their families when they have to be away during the holidays,” said Master Sgt. Greg Curtis, an Ohio Air National Guardsman who is working as the first sergeant for TF Yuma.

Rosemarie Jose, an administrator at Palm View, said the center always makes a donation of turkeys at Thanksgiving time as a thank-you gesture to the local police and fire agencies, as well as a local food pantry program.



“This year, with the National Guard here, we wanted them to know that Yuma is happy they are here,” she said.

In addition to the turkey dinners, the TF Yuma chaplains visited the EIT sites on Thanksgiving day, sharing gifts of pecan pie .

Play on, Soldier!

By Air Force Staff Sgt. Dan Heaton, Yuma Sector Public Affairs
YUMA, Ariz. – Spc Rodney Paguia says being part of the National Guard offers him the opportunity to do many different things.

“Many different things” is exactly what Spc Paguia has been doing since he reported in with Operation Jump Start (OJS) in Yuma in June.

When OJS started, Spc Paguia, a Hawaii native who now lives in the Phoenix area, was a member of the 108th Army Band. He volunteered “to help out in any form I could.”

Since then, the Army saxophone player has worked as a general mechanic, serving as the Yuma shop’s vehicle air conditioning expert during the hot summer months and has driven just about every piece of heavy equipment at the Yuma Sector’s motor pool.

“Spc Paguia doesn’t need to be supervised,” said Sgt 1st Class Tracy Steinberger, a Tennessee National Guard soldier who is the NCOIC of the motor pool at the



Yuma Sector. “He is a highly motivated and trusted soldier.”

Spc Paguia served for five years on active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps. He joined the Arizona Army National Guard three years ago. He spent most of his time with the

Army Band and recently transitioned to B Company, 158th Infantry Brigade. He is one of a select few Arizona Guardsmen who are leaving the OJS mission in Yuma to be forward deployed to Central Asia in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

“I’ll tell you he is going to be missed here in the shop,” said Sgt 1st Class Henry Castillo, an Arizona Army National Guard soldier who has also worked as a supervisor in the Yuma Sector motor pool. “He’s been our wrecker driver, going out in a tractor with a 40-foot trailer to pick up broken down vehicles. He’s just been a real asset to the mission.”

While Spc Paguia is no longer in the 108th band, the life-long musician says music will always be part of his life.

“I grew up around music. You get a freedom of expression with music,” he said.

In addition to saxophone, Spc Paguia also plays the bass guitar and in his civilian career works as a free-lance performer, getting gigs in jazz and other music clubs around the Phoenix area.

“Only in the National Guard can I pursue my passion for music while serving my country,” he said.



“You get a freedom of expression with music.” *Spc Paguia*

>Yuma Sector Public Affairs

Story and Photos by Air Force Staff Sgt Dan Heaton, Public Affairs



YUMA, Ariz.—"This is it, this is immigration ground zero. When the public talks about immigration and illicit border crossings, this is where they look," said Lloyd Easterling, supervisory Border Patrol Agent who manages the public information office at the Yuma Sector.

"When the president of the United States talked about the border issue, he came here to do it. That brought loads of attention to Yuma," Easterling said.

That attention keeps Easterling and his team of four agents and one civilian in the PAO office busy. When President George W. Bush visited the Yuma Sector in May to outline his plan to increase the number of agents in the Border Patrol and to launch Operation Jump Start, a CNN reporter dubbed Yuma as "immigration ground zero".

Media interest in the Yuma Sector has been high ever since. Fox News, PBS, Time Magazine, scores of local and regional media outlets and even

National Geographic has paid a visit since the President's trip to Yuma.

"Our job is to maintain transparency between the Border Patrol and the public," Easterling said.

Easterling joined the Border Patrol in March 2000. After training at the Academy, he was assigned to Eagle Pass, Texas. He worked as an agent there until moving to the Wellton Station in the Yuma Sector in July 2005. In July 2006, he was selected for his current assignment.

"There really is no typical day for the PAO staff," Easterling said,

"Some days we're responding to something that happened, other days we're putting together a citizen's academy."

In addition to Easterling, the PAO team includes a civilian public affairs specialist, Al Bosco, Senior Patrol Agents Maranda Weber, Ben Vik, Gloriela Hernandez (*pictured from left to right, above*) and Chris Van Wagenen (*not pictured*).

"We all work together as a team. You have to be able to work together in this job, because you never know what might come up next," Easterling said.

"This is it, this is immigration ground zero." - Agent Lloyd Easterling

[OPERATION JUMP START]



★ DISTINGUISHED VISITORS BUREAU

The Joint Visitors Bureau (JVB) is responsible to ensure that Distinguished Visitors (DVs) receive all the appropriate respect and protocols when they visit Operation Jump Start (OJS) in Arizona. A DV is any general officer or civilian equivalent and/or a Colonel selected for promotion to Brigadier General.

President Bush visited the Yuma Border Patrol Sector just prior to the beginning of OJS which brought the national spotlight to the Arizona Border. Ariz. Governor Napolitano was the first DV to go to the border to specifically meet with Soldiers and Airmen assigned to OJS. Governor Napolitano met with Soldiers from the Utah National Guard who were performing road improvement and fence construction on the border at San Luis. After Governor Napolitano's first visit the floodgate opened and we have had a steady stream of DVs every month since.

There has been tremendous interest from Governors, Adjutant Generals and Congressional leaders to visit Soldiers and Airmen from their states and get a first hand look at the work being done on the border.

It is very possible that visits will slow down, however, with the number of supporting states sending rotational units and Airmen from 54 states and territories, there is a strong possibility that we will have DVs as a part of our operational tempo until the close of the mission.

Maj Paul Ellis // DV Protocol Officer

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- Ariz. Governor Janet Napolitano
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- Lt Gen Green, Depart. of the Army Inspector General



Front Cover: Sgt Stephen Brown of the Washington National Guard is served a Thanksgiving dinner with "all of the fixin's" provided by the Yuma Veterans of Foreign Wars on November 23. Photo by Spc Miko Holloran.



Media Interview Guidelines

Media Interviews must be cleared through your Chain of Command

1. You are a representative of the military when you are in uniform.
2. Your message is going to the American public.
3. Take a moment to think before you answer a question.
4. Do not lie or shade the truth.
5. Do not argue or get mad.
6. Radio and TV crews are looking for 10-15 second sound bites.
7. Avoid jargon and acronyms when possible.
8. It is better to say "I don't know" than to make up an answer.
9. Don't reinforce negative or untrue statements by repeating them.
10. Only speak about topics you have direct knowledge of.
11. Maintain eye contact with the reporter, not the camera.

For questions and assistance with media, please email or call the Arizona National Guard Public Affairs Officer at:

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Staff Sgt Derrick Grasty of the Washington National Guard speaks with one of his soldiers on the border.



Major Babeu swears in Sgt 1st Class Vander Molen. Sgt 1st Class Vander Molen re-enlists in to the Arizona Army National Guard.



>Pictures from Operation Jump Start

Pictures from Tucson, Yuma and Headquarters



Maj Gen Chastain, Arkansas Adjutant General, lands in a cloud of dust in San Miguel, Ariz.



Spc Rosa Kugfas keeps her eyes on the border



A soldier monitors the border during his shift.



Sgt Stephen Brown enjoys a Thanksgiving dinner on the border provided by the Yuma VFW.





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childhood ambition RACE CAR DRIVER

fondest memory BOTH OF MY GRANDMOTHERS

indulgence NIGHTLIFE IN PHOENIX

current mission TF YUMA S-1 PERSTAT/UMR

favorite hobby BEING A GYM RAT

My life WORKING HARD / PLAYING HARDER

My Guard F-16 CREW CHIEF, 162ND FW



My life. My Guard.